



## Geography AS/A level

### What is the course content?

The AQA Geography specification offers a strong foundation in both physical and human geography and in practical applied skills. It addresses many themes which are, and will be, important during this millennium such as concern for the environment and an appreciation of global changes and inequalities. The specification allows you to develop an in-depth knowledge and understanding of physical, human and environmental geography whilst also exploring the interrelationships between physical and human environments in a synoptic context. Fieldwork is important and there is an opportunity for you to spend a week exploring geographical issues in the field in preparation for a geographical skills examination.

### **Component 1: Physical geography**

Section A: Water and carbon cycles

Section B: Coastal systems

Section C: Hazards

### **Component 2: Human geography**

- Section A: Global systems and global governance
- Section B: Changing places
- Section C: Population and environment

### **Component 3: Geographical investigation**

Students complete an individual investigation which must include data collected in the field. The individual investigation must be based on a question or issue defined and developed by the student relating to any part of the specification content.

### How is the course assessed?

#### **Components 1 and 2**

- Written exam: 2 hours 30 minutes
- 96 marks
- Each worth 40% of A-level

#### **Component 3**

- 3,000 – 4,000 words written element
- 35 marks
- 20% of A-level



## Fieldwork - Supporting Learning at A Level



Fieldwork plays a very important role in supporting the teaching and learning of any geography course and at Rodillian Academy fieldwork and practical 'hands-on' geography is given high priority. It can effectively enable you to experience at first hand landscapes, people, places and issues bringing classroom theory to life! We endeavour to provide a wide-range of experiences as far as possible within the time constraints of an advanced level course.



### **Future Opportunities**

Geography is a subject which is well regarded by University Admissions Tutors and by employers. Students can go on to study a huge range of Geographical topics and careers such as Business Administration, Land Management, teaching, the Armed Forces, the Police, Law, Local Government, Environmental Risk Planning, Market Analysis, Merchant Banking, Surveying and Leisure and Tourism Management.

### **Key Contact**

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